



January 29, 2021

Subject: Information to Families – Update #12

Dear SWLSB Families,

Following the Ministry's announcements made this week, please find below various information.

Procedural Masks in High Schools and Adult Education / Vocational Training (AEVT) Centres

Since January 11, all high school and adult students must wear procedural masks as per public health directives. Provided by the government, these procedural masks have the following characteristics:

- 3-ply
- latex free
- approved by Public Health

Wearing the procedural mask is mandatory in all our high schools and centres, including on the grounds of the school/centre.

New Directives for Family Members with COVID-like Symptoms

Public Health announced **new directives for family members with COVID-19 symptoms**. You can refer to this [graphic](#) which summarizes these new isolation directives.

Please remember that a student must isolate if:

- They **have COVID-like symptoms** (sore throat, runny nose, fever, cough, etc.).
- They **are waiting for test results**.
- They have been in **contact** with a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- They **are returning to Canada**.
- **NEW!** A member of their **family bubble** has COVID-19-like symptoms and is **awaiting test results**.

You must keep your child **home** if they have **any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19** (sore throat, runny nose, fever, cough, etc.) or if **a member of the family bubble has such symptoms** and is waiting for a test result. Please consult the [Self-Assessment Test](#) for more information.

Anyone who presents COVID-19-like symptoms must be tested **as soon as possible**.

Tutoring

This week, the Education Minister provided more details about the tutoring services for students experiencing academic difficulties. Of the 10 million dollars allocated to school boards and school service centres across the province, \$138,000 will be distributed among the 35 schools of the SWLSB. The allocation of hours of tutoring per school will be dependent on student enrolment.

The tutoring services will be offered outside of school hours including weekends and March Break as per tutors' availabilities. Although this service will be prioritized for the at-risk most vulnerable students, please note that your child can also take advantage of services offered during school hours such as remediation, homework club local school initiatives and support measures.

Next steps

Each school team will:

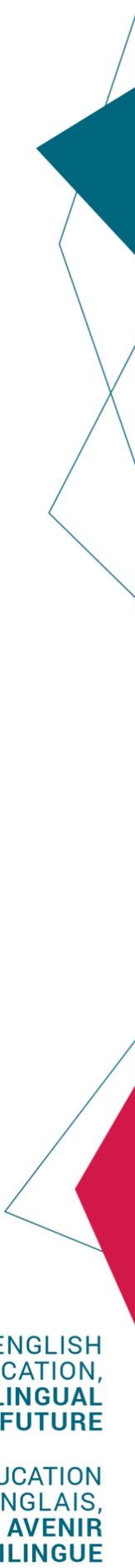
- identify the students who are having academic challenges and need tutoring;
- determine how the tutoring services will be organized (schedule, frequency and length of sessions);
- directly contact families to set up remote tutoring sessions;
- determine if the tutoring sessions will be individual or in groups of up to 5 students with similar needs.



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The school board will:

- recruit tutors both internally and externally.

Other than our current internal staff, college and university students as well as retired teachers are being asked to lend a helping hand. If you know anyone who would be interested in tutoring, please invite them to complete the [application form](#) on the “Answer the call!” website.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is from February 1 to 5. The Ministry of Education’s theme this year is “Merci de former le Québec de demain”. Join us in taking this opportunity to recognize and thank teachers for their dedicated services to our students, your children.

“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.” – Henry Ford.



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